



# Legislative Update

## June 2007

*This report updates the status of legislation for the 2007-2008 Legislative session, for which the Commission is considering continuing or adopting new positions. The legislation is arranged by Commission priority area, followed by a more general listing of bills, for which the staff recommends that Commission adopt watch positions at this time. Due to the many bills currently being offered for consideration, staff has prioritized them by listing highest priority bills in subject categories and then lower priority bills. As legislation progresses, staff will apprise the Commission of related changes.*

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The Commission advises the Governor and the Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the State's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission is available at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov).

### Accountability

**AB 1413 (Portantino) – Commission Position – Support, in Concept:** This bill places restrictions on employment contracts for the California State University (CSU) executive officers and requires that any contract and its terms be adopted by resolution at a board meeting of the CSU Trustees. The bill requires the Commission to report annually on instruction-related, student services, and administrative expenditures in the California Community Colleges, the CSU and the University of California (UC), and to perform comprehensive reviews of segmental compensation policies. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, if it is amended to provide CPEC with sufficient resources to carry out its responsibilities noted in the bill.

**SB 190 (Yee) – Commission Position – Support, in Concept:** This bill modifies current law regarding the meetings of the California State University Trustees and the University of California Regents, and clarifies the requirements for meetings that must be open and public. The bill requires that actions on executive compensation, as specified, occur in open, public meetings. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill in concept.

**SB 325 (Scott) – Commission Position – Support, if Amended:** This bill requires the State to establish an accountability framework and requires the Commission to collect, maintain, display and report data for biennial assessments of the State's postsecondary system in meeting the needs of Californians. Since no new funds are provided for this reporting, it is recommended that the Commission support the concept of this bill, if amended to clarify its provisions and request adequate funding to implement them.

## Affordability

**AB 262 (Coto) – Commission Position – Support:** The bill urges the State’s public postsecondary institutions to adopt policies to regulate marketing practices of credit card companies. These provisions, to help students avoid unnecessary student credit card debt, are recommended in the Commission’s affordability report. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

**AB 1548 (Solorio) – Commission Position – Support, in Concept:** This bill prohibits the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) from buying, selling, or allowing the sale of textbooks from publishers who have not posted specified information about textbooks on their websites or made the information commonly available elsewhere. Some aspects of this bill are consistent with Commission goals and adopted policies regarding college affordability, but others will require further clarification. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

**SB 832 (Corbett) – Commission Position – Support, in Concept:** This bill would require publishers to provide a complete list of all of the products they offer for sale, including the item’s wholesale price and the estimated length of time they intend to market each item. This bill is designed to improve the information available on textbooks so that campuses and professors can make more informed decisions about which textbooks they choose to carry. Textbook costs were identified as an area of increased costs in the Commission’s affordability initiative. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill, in concept.

## Workforce Development

**AB 365 (Portantino) – Commission Position – Support - Sponsor:** This bill requires the Commission to convene a taskforce to deliberate and report findings and recommendations regarding the relationship between higher education and the workforce for legislative review. This bill is based on policy recommendations from the Commission and is sponsored by the Commission. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

**AB 573 (Horton) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, requires community colleges offering nursing education programs to select students based on academic and other pertinent criteria. The bill would prohibit colleges from using lottery systems or other random selection methods for choosing nursing candidates. Because the bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

**AB 1559 (Berryhill) – Commission Position – Support, in Concept:** This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt and implement a merit-based admissions policy for a nursing education program if, for any academic term, there are more applicants seeking enrollment in that nursing program than may reasonably be accommodated. Because the bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

## Access

**AB 100 (Mullin) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill proposes a K-12 and higher education facility General Obligation Bond for November 2008 ballot approval. Staff worked with the authors to include the Commission’s findings regarding joint use and capital planning in this bill. The bill did not

make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1409 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill, as amended, authorizes K-12 districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide college-level courses and career-technical education opportunities to high school students. The bill specifies that these concurrent students would be counted as California Community College students for funding purposes. Recent amendments require the Community Colleges’ Chancellor’s Office to report annually to the Department of Finance on the amount of FTES generated by each community college district under this bill. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

**AB 1540 (Bass) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill formalizes the existing, privately-funded “Cash for College” financial aid information outreach efforts as a State program administered under the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). The bill appropriates \$3 million from the Student Loan Operating Fund (SLOF) and requires annual program evaluations. The bill is consistent with Commission policies on financial aid outreach and access, but the funding source is uncertain. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 1578 (Leno) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill, as amended, states legislative intent to establish and provide services and financial support to help foster youth achieve their educational goals and establishes the “California Competitive Grant Program” to provide comprehensive support in post-secondary institutions to students who are former foster youth. Recent amendments request community college campuses that offer student housing to give priority for housing to current and former foster youth. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**SB 890 (Scott) – Commission Position – *Support in Concept*:** This bill establishes the Early College Commitment Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). It provides that districts volunteering to participate in the program are required to partake in a variety of activities intended to increase high school completion rates and motivate students to take challenging coursework. Additionally, it requires participating districts to provide college information and preparation events for students. This bill is well-intended and could provide substantial outreach efforts to students who are unlikely to obtain a higher education; however, the implementation cost could limit its application. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill in concept.

## Professional Development

**SB 43 (Torlakson) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill, as amended, creates a new teacher preparation program, with condensed coursework, for individuals with extensive work experience or subject knowledge. It would encourage the University of California and the California State University to collaborate with local education agencies on programs and require Commission on Teacher Credentialing’s approval of programs. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 232 (Ducheny) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill formally adds projects in the areas of art, foreign language, and physical education/health to the Subject Matter Projects (SMPs) and extends the sunset of the projects, by seven years, to June 30, 2014. The Commission has historically supported the six current SMPs, and the proposed new ones appear to be consistent with high school competency requirements. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

## Student Fees and Financial Aid

**AB 152 (Beall) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill establishes the California Pre-Paid Tuition Program under the authority of the ScholarShare Investment Board. Recent Commission policy supports “tuition guarantee” models that lock in four years of level tuition for entering freshman. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 171 (Beall) – Commission Position – *Support in Concept*:** This bill, as amended, renames and restructures the Public Interest Attorney Repayment Program, which is to be funded by both State appropriations and private contributions. This loan assumption program for licensed attorneys who meet certain eligibility criteria is administered by the Student Aid Commission. The bill adds a county counsel as an eligible loan assumption award recipient. This bill is consistent with the Commission’s “affordability” report recommendations. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

**AB 175 (Price) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill increases funding for the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards to \$1,551 in 2008-09 and by 5%–10% per year thereafter until they have increased by 20% of the measured access costs. This bill’s provisions are aligned with the Commission’s “access” goals. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

**AB 286 (Cook) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill repeals the existing exemption from non-resident tuition for aliens who have filed an affidavit, but who don’t have lawful immigration. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 302 (De La Torre) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill, as amended, deletes the current limitations on access award amounts in the Cal Grant B program for students attending the California State University, the University of California, and non-public institutions during their first academic year. The bill clarifies that Cal Grant B awards amounts are to include the access award amount and an additional amount for tuition and fees. While this bill promotes access, due to its potential cost (estimated to be \$78 million annually), it is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

**AB 488 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill, as amended, establishes a campus-based financial aid system for the California Community Colleges—the CCC Access Grant Program. This program is to be funded with one-third of the systemwide student fee revenues received by the community college districts. This bill would establish a financial aid system similar to those operated by the CSU and UC, whereby a portion of fees paid by non-needy students is used to assist needy students. The Commission has historically supported the establishment of an institutionally-based financial aid system for the community colleges. However, given the substantial costs of the bill (likely in excess of \$100 million annually), it is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 611 (Nakanishi) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill, as amended, establishes the California Physician Assistant Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program. It is intended to assist physician assistants who provide health care services in an underserved community by providing them with scholarships and student loan repayment assistance. This approach is consistent with the Commission’s “affordability” recommendations. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

**AB 668 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill, as amended, enacts the California Community Colleges’ Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act and expresses legislative intent to increase the numbers of community college students receiving federal Pell Grants. The bill requires the Chancellor’s Office to provide regional training for colleges to assist them in getting stu-

dents to apply for the full range of financial aid that is available to them. It also requires colleges to work with high schools, to increase the numbers of high school graduates who apply for financial aid in college. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

**AB 819 (Runner) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, authorizes State income tax deductions of \$3,000 – \$6,000 for contributions made by taxpayers to qualified college tuition savings programs, as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code (“ScholarShare college savings programs”). Recent Commission policy supports “tuition guarantee” models that lock in four years of level tuition for entering freshmen. Staff are examining its provisions to better understand its potential costs and implementation details. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1038 (Feuer) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, calls for the Legislature to implement a student fee policy for the California Community Colleges, the California State University and the University of California. This policy sets fees at a fixed percentage of the final average State expenditure per full-time equivalent (FTE) student at each respective system, and limits annual increases in these fees to no more than 7%. The Commission, in its March 2006 report, recommended revisiting the assumptions “cost of education”-based fee policies, to recognize all of the charges students pay to attend college. The Commission has recommended a five-year freeze on student fees. However, it is recommended that the Commission support the bill, in concept.

**AB 1267 (Feuer) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, establishes the Civic Service Loan Assumption Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission. Under the program, California residents enrolled at a campus of the University of California or the California State University would be eligible to enter into an agreement for student loan assumption, to be redeemed after a qualifying period of civic service, as defined, or service as a volunteer, as defined. Staff recommends the bill be amended to include California’s community colleges and accredited independent institutions. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill, if amended.

**AB 1522 (Brownlee) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, requires the Student Aid Commission to develop and make available a software program, for use by potential applicants, to facilitate identifying and applying for institutional, State, and federal student aid programs. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1652 (Lieber) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill presents legislative findings and intent regarding ethic standards in the student loan industry. It proposes the establishment of a minimum standard of ethics for student loan industry personnel, the correction of abuses and the dispelling of unfounded portrayals of the loan industry. The bill seeks input from the state student financial aid agencies and lending communities on current and proposed ethics standards for the industry. Additionally, the bill requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office to collect, review and make policy recommendations on improving the situation with the loan industry. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill in concept.

**SB 160 (Cedillo) – Commission Position – Support:** This bill enables students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to be eligible for existing statewide and campus-based student financial aid and community college fee waiver programs. It also expands the group of students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition (those who have attended a California high school for three years or more and graduated or obtained an equivalent degree) to include those students who have attended an adult school, as specified. Since this bill helps provide access to students, it is recommended that the Commission continue to support this bill.

**SB 595 (Alquist) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill extends the annual deadline for applying for Cal Grant “A” and “B” programs’ Entitlement and Transfer Entitlement awards from March 2 to June 30. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the segments view these types of change as unworkable, because it would leave them with too little time to put together complete financial aid packages for students. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**SB 769 (Alquist) – Commission Position – Support:** This bill calls on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to convene a working group to develop strategies to improve access to postsecondary education for low income and underrepresented persons through the Cal Grant financial aid program. The group is to include representatives of the segments, the Commission, the Legislative Analyst’s Office, legislative and/or committee staff, and college student groups. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

### Private Postsecondary State Oversight

**AB 1525 (Cook) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, replaces the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989 with temporary provisions to govern this area after the June 30, 2007, expiration of the old act. SB 823 (Perata), intended to take effect on January 1, 2008, proposes implementation of a new Act. A workgroup of stakeholders has been meeting to devise provisions for both AB 1525 and SB 823. The Commission has a long history in support of a healthy private proprietary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**SB 823 (Perata) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, proposes to permanently replace the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act, with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007. (In the interim, the Act is to be temporarily replaced by the provisions of AB 1525 (Cook)). A workgroup of stakeholders has been meeting to devise provisions for both AB 1525 and SB 823. The Commission has a long history in support of a healthy private proprietary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

### Consent Calendar: Bills with a “Watch” Recommendation

**ACA 5 (Levine) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill proposes a change to a constitutional provision regarding the University of California; however, its specific intent is unknown. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**ACR 21 (Portantino) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill encourages the University of California to form an exchange program with historically Black colleges and universities. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 145 (Coto) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the California Center to encourage more Latinos to pursue science, technology, engineering and math degrees and professions. While the bill is well-intended and shares many Commission goals and objectives, it will likely be costly; and it could potentially be combined with an existing program. It is also not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 153 (Blakeslee) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requests that the University of California enter into a public/private contract for an Energy Biosciences Institute and expresses legislative intent for its funding. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 178 (Coto) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the College Readiness and Equity Program to provide grants, of \$100 per child, to high schools that enroll and support pupils in a college preparation curriculum. Funds can be used for tutoring, extended day, teachers and other related services. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 284 (Smyth) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, would require that career technical courses or programs offered by high schools be reviewed every two years by the appropriate governing body to ensure that the program meets specified requirements. The bill would also require that career technical course instructors be given professional development opportunities that conform to business and industry standards. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 359 (Karnette) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill adds special education service credential holders and subject area specialists, with current or projected subject area shortages, to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). It clarifies that qualification of a school is based on the number of credential waivers and emergency permits. This is an area of identified need, but it is not likely a Commission priority. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 519 (Mendoza) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include data on dropouts in the annual API measurement and to build information, on the availability of prerequisite courses for admission to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) that are available in public high schools, into the API calculation. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 577 (Ruskin) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill provides that an existing Open Education Resources Center at Foothill-DeAnza Community College serve as a model in a pilot program to train other California Community College faculty and staff statewide. The bill defines what an “open education resource center” is and expresses legislative intent to fund the Foothill-DeAnza Center in the Budget Act. It is not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 883 (Dymally) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, establishes within the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) program, the assumption of loans up to \$3,000 per year for four years, for teachers and interns who are qualified for APLE and who agree to teach full time in the Compton Unified School District. It is not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 1329 (Houston) – Commission Position – Watch:** The bill, as amended, would require the California State University, in consultation with community colleges, K-12 and others, to assess the barriers to the creation of additional occupational therapist training programs. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill while staff further examines this issue.

**AB 1415 (Brownley) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requires the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to develop, and the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt, an accountability report card that assesses its accredited programs using multiple measures to gauge their effectiveness. The “accountability” focus is a Commission goal, and the bill could have a positive impact upon the operation of affected programs. The Com-

mission's experience developing and undertaking an accountability framework may provide helpful insights. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**AB 1586 (DeSaulnier) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill requires the Trustees, and urges the Regents, to adopt prescribed minimum admission requirements for specified subjects at their respective institutions for first-year undergraduate students. The subject areas are to include history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English, visual and performing arts, applied arts, and college-preparatory electives. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

**SCA 3 (Ridley-Thomas) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This constitutional amendment would require the legislature to create an independent public postsecondary education system of community colleges as part of the Public School System. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 44 (Torlakson) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill establishes the California Teacher Cadet Program to be operated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the California State University. It requires the California State University (CSU) to convene an advisory group to develop hands-on curriculum and criteria and standards for a request-for-proposal. The bill appears to address the teacher shortage—a Commission goal. However, the cost to implement the program is estimated to be approximately \$3.6 million, including start-up, grant funds and an evaluation. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 139 (Scott) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This technical bill clarifies requirements for individuals entering a nursing program, criteria necessary for eligibility in the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), the issuers of grant awards, and the source of funding for enrollment expansions. The bill also requires the collection and reporting of specified health profession data. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 218 (Steinberg) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill provides legislative intent that the California Community Colleges (CCC) be encouraged and enabled to create greater opportunities for high school students to earn high school credits at CCCs. It intends to increase high school students' opportunities to do vocational/academic work in CCCs. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, as it is still in the Senate Rules Committee, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 268 (McClintock) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill deletes the provision for a person, who meets specified criteria and who is without lawful immigration status, from eligibility for paying non-resident tuition at the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU). This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline and will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 314 (Wyland) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** As amended, this bill modifies career technical education advisory committees by requiring the inclusion of industry representatives, chosen by local industry organizations, and approved by district governing boards, and requiring representatives to be from at least five of the industry sectors specified. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 337 (Ackerman) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill makes technical changes to the conflict-of-interest provisions that pertain to the members of the auxiliary board of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, as it is still in the



Senate Rules Committee, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 347 (Cogdill) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the Community College Enrollment Fee Reimbursement Program, which would require the California State University (CSU) and request the University of California (UC) to reimburse their respective transfer students who complete between 60–72 units in community college before transferring and graduating from a CSU or UC within seven years of initially enrolling in a California community college (CCC). It requires that a participant must be UC or CSU eligible before enrolling in a CCC. CCC students who receive a Board of Governors’ waiver are rendered ineligible for the program. The bill expresses legislative intent that funds be appropriated in the State budget for this purpose. This is an incentive program to improve “time-to-degree” that, in theory, encourages students to take as few excess units as possible in the CCCs, to complete their degree programs in a timely and inexpensive manner. Unfortunately, the provision for fee reimbursement to CCC transfer students, who might have attended a CCC regardless, may result in State costs rather than savings. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 481 (Runner) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill creates a “Public Safety Incentive Program,” to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), for loan assistance up to \$40,000, for lawyers practicing as prosecutors and public defenders. This bill requires a separate infrastructure for the program, with a separate account in the State Treasury. It is not clear that there is a need for this new program, given that the existing CSAC Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment program specifically includes prosecutors and public defenders and provides funding up to \$11,000, but has yet to be funded. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 588 (Runner) – Commission Position – Watch:** As amended, this bill requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop and report to the Legislature on the policies and procedures adopted, pursuant to Proposition 1D, to implement the requirement that construction projects be built according to the Field Act or the California Building Standards Code. This bill is intended to clarify whether the community colleges are subject to or exempt from DGS and DSA approval for construction projects. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.











**SB 673 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill, as amended, revises the date by which the Superintendent of Public Instruction must submit data, on high priority subject areas and disadvantaged schools, to the California Student Aid Commission for the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). The bill changes the annual date from November 1 to January 15. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**SB 752 (Steinberg) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill would enact the California Kids Investment and Development Savings (KIDS) Account Act that would create an investment account for every child born in California each year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and would provide for a one-time deposit by the State to each account in the amount of \$500 at the child’s birth. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 946 (Scott) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill creates the Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program, designed to give high school students an indication of their college readiness in their junior year, so that they can use their senior year to improve their academic performance. The bill also calls for an independent evaluation of this initiative. This program’s objectives are consistent with the Commission’s goal of access. The CCC Chancellor’s Office estimates that operation costs for this program will be \$2.35 million dollars annually plus \$150,000 for an evaluation. A similar bill was ve-

toed last year, based on the assertion that the program was duplicative of the California State University program. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

**MATRIX 2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE - PRIORITY BILLS**  
**updated as of 6/5/2007**

Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR	1st Desk	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Desk	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Conf./Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	Comments
<a href="#">AB 100</a>	Mullin	Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008.	Watch	2 Year 													05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was ED.
<a href="#">AB 152</a>	Beall	Postsecondary education: Golden State Scholarshare Trust: California Prepaid Tuition Program.	Watch	1st Floor 													06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 171</a>	Beall	Student financial aid: Assumption Program for Loans for Law in the Public Interest.	Support, in Concept	2nd Policy 													05/09/2007-Referred to Com. on ED.
<a href="#">AB 175</a>	Price	Cal Grant B awards: access costs.	Support <a href="#">Position Letter</a>	2 Year 													06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">AB 262</a>	Coto	Public postsecondary education: credit card marketing: regulations.	Support <a href="#">Position Letter</a>	2nd Policy 													05/31/2007-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
<a href="#">AB 286</a>	Cook	Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition.	Watch	2 Year 													05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 302</a>	De La Torre	Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards: award amount.	Support, in Concept <a href="#">Position Letter</a>	2 Year 													06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">AB 365</a>	Portantino	Postsecondary education: Task Force on State Workforce Needs.	Support - Sponsor <a href="#">Position Letter</a>	1st Floor 													06/04/2007-Read third time, passed, and to Senate.
<a href="#">AB 488</a>	Portantino	Community colleges: California Community Colleges Access Grant Program.	Watch	2 Year 													06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">AB 573</a>	Horton	Community colleges: nursing education programs.	Watch	2 Year 													05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.

# California Postsecondary Education Commission

<a href="#">AB 611</a>	Nakanishi	Physician assistants: educational loan program.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	2nd Policy ████████████████████	05/23/2007-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and B., P. & E.D.
<a href="#">AB 668</a>	Portantino	Student financial aid: California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act.	<b>Support</b>	1st Floor ████████████████	06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 819</a>	Runner, Sharon	Personal income taxes: deductions: tuition programs.	<b>Watch</b>	2 Year ██	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was REV. & TAX
<a href="#">AB 1038</a>	Feuer	Postsecondary education: student fees.	<b>Watch</b>	2 Year ██	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">AB 1267</a>	Feuer	Civic service: Civic Service Loan Assumption Program.	<b>Watch</b>	2 Year ██	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">AB 1409</a>	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Floor ████████████████	06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 1413</a>	Portantino	Public postsecondary education: California State University: trustees.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Floor ████████████████	06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 1522</a>	Brownley	Student financial aid.	<b>Watch</b>	2 Year ██	05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 1525</a>	Cook	Private postsecondary education.	<b>Watch</b>	2nd Policy ████████████████████	05/22/2007-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Coms. on B., P. & E.D. and ED.
<a href="#">AB 1540</a>	Bass	Student financial aid: Cash for College Program.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Floor ████████████████	06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 1548</a>	Solorio	Public postsecondary education: College Textbook Transparency Act.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Floor ████████████████	06/04/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
<a href="#">AB 1559</a>	Berryhill	Public postsecondary education: associate degree nursing programs.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	2nd Policy ████████████████████	05/21/2007-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

<a href="#">AB 1578</a>	Leno	Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2007: California Competitive Grant Program.	Watch	1st Floor [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-Read third time, passed, and to Senate.
<a href="#">AB 1652</a>	Lieber	Student financial aid.	Watch	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/31/2007-In committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.
<a href="#">SB 43</a>	Torlakson	Teacher credentialing.	Watch	1st Floor [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) Read second time. Amended. To third reading.
<a href="#">SB 160</a>	Cedillo	Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act.	<a href="#">Support Position Letter</a>	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/31/2007-Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission.
<a href="#">SB 190</a>	Yee	Public postsecondary education: California State University: University of California: open meetings: Higher Education Governance Accountability Act.	<a href="#">Support, in Concept</a>	2nd Policy [REDACTED]	05/22/2007-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">SB 232</a>	Ducheny	Instructional strategies: subject matter projects.	<a href="#">Support Position Letter</a>	1st Floor [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 9. Noes 6.) Read second time. Amended. To third reading.
<a href="#">SB 325</a>	Scott	Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.	<a href="#">Support, if Amended Position Letter</a>	2nd Desk [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
<a href="#">SB 595</a>	Alquist	Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poohigian-Vasc oncellos Cal Grant Program.	Watch	2 Year [REDACTED]	05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was ED. SUSPENSE FILE
<a href="#">SB 769</a>	Alquist	Student financial aid: working group on Cal Grant deadlines.	<a href="#">Support Position Letter</a>	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/31/2007-Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission.
<a href="#">SB 823</a>	Perata	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007.	Watch	2nd Desk [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
<a href="#">SB 832</a>	Corbett	Postsecondary education: textbooks.	<a href="#">Support, in Concept Position Letter</a>	2nd Desk [REDACTED]	05/14/2007-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

<a href="#">SB 890</a>	Scott	Pupils: early college commitment program.	Support, in Concept	1st Floor [REDACTED]	06/04/2007-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) Read second time. Amended. To third reading.
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